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compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) which provide for certain minimum operation in the North-East and some other far-flung areas.

(c) and (d) During the period September to December, 2000, the average seat factor of Indian Airlines on Guwahati-Imphal-Guwahati route has been approximately 85% *i.e.* about 22 vacant seat per flight. Indian Airlines is already deploying more capacity than stipulated in the Route Dispersal Guidelines.

#### **Diversion of flights due to fog**

7. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether heavy fog affects several flights every year in Delhi and the flights had to be cancelled or diverted to other places during winter;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to evolve a suitable remedy; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Airports Authority of India has already installed Category-III Instrument Landing System at IGI airport which will facilitate aircraft operations in the low visibility conditions during the fog. Various procedures are being finalised in consultation with Directorate General of Civil Aviation to make it operational by March, 2001.